



Major Acquisition Programs

GROUND COMBAT ELEMENT PROGRAMS

PART 2

The Infantry Automatic Rifle



DESCRIPTION

The Infantry Automatic Rifle program seeks to replace the current M249 Squad Automatic Weapon in all infantry battalions. The IAR will be a non-developmental, 5.56 automatic rifle that is lighter, more durable, and more reliable than the SAW.

OPERATIONAL IMPACT

Use of the automatic rifle will significantly enhance the automatic rifleman's maneuverability and displacement speed, while providing the ability to suppress or destroy targets of most immediate concern to the fire team.

PROGRAM STATUS

The Infantry Automatic Rifle program is in the final stages of market research. MS C is expected in 1st Qtr FY07. IOC is expected in 3rd Qtr FY08.

Procurement Profile:	FY06	FY07
Quantity	0	1000
Developer/Manufacturer:	TBD	